The Alabama economy is experiencing a skills gap...

58% of jobs in Alabama require skills training—more education than high school but less than a four-year degree.

47% of Alabama workers are trained at this level.

Career and technical education (CTE) programs can fill these gaps, particularly in Alabama's key industries, like:

- aerospace and aviation
- agricultural products and food production
- automotive
- metal and advanced materials

Many students are already enrolled in CTE in Alabama, developing technical, academic and employability skills and engaging in work-based experiences with industry partners. During the 2018-19 school year, Alabama had:

158,686 secondary CTE participants

49,781 postsecondary CTE participants

These youth and adult learners in CTE programs are more engaged, graduate high school at higher rates, earn industry-recognized credentials, and have rewarding and family-sustaining careers.

17,970 postsecondary credentials earned by CTE students in Alabama (2016-17)

More investment is needed to scale CTE programs across Alabama to ensure that all learners, including historically underserved learners, have access to high-quality CTE programs in high-skill, high-wage and in-demand career fields.

CTE: Good for Students, Good for Business, Good for Communities!

FY 20 Federal Perkins CTE Funding for Alabama

$21,696,979


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